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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	Group Art Unit: 3763
MIDDLEMAN et al.)	Examiner: Cris Rodriguez
Serial No.: 09/123,614)	
Filed: June 28, 1998)	
For: Device for Anchoring)	Mailed: March 26, 2001
Tubular Element)	Pasadena, California

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a Response to the Office Action mailed January 23, 2001. By this Response, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration, reexamination and allowance of all presently-pending claims is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENT

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In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows. (For the convenience of the examiner, those claims which are not amended herein are also set forth below as well.)